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STRENGTHENING INDIAN NAVY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects commissioned by the Indian Navy during the last three years;

(b) whether the Navy has any proposal to commission more projects during 2007-2008;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also proposed to de-induct some of the projects during 2007-2008;

(e) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Navy is being equipped to counter attacks of nuclear weapons; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and equipment to be procured from abroad to strengthen Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Modernisation of Navy by way of equipping it with state of art platforms and weapon systems etc. for performing roles assigned to it is an ongoing process. It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose the details.

(d) & (e): De-induction of ships is undertaken by Indian Navy keeping in view their operational utility. Three Indian Navy ships have been de-inducted so far during 2007-2008.

(f) & (g): Navy follows a strict policy of nuclear protection of ships & other platforms right from inception. The measures include design of ships for collective protection, provision of individual protective equipment etc. NBC Quick Reaction Teams and Quick Reaction Medical Teams have also been set up for handling rescue, decontamination and medical support ashore in the event of a nuclear accident or attack. The units are provided with appropriate equipment for performing their assigned task.